gainful employment/self employment in a manner which is poor-friendly. These programmes help poor to cross poverty line.

(d) According the UNDP's Human Development Report, 1997 public expenditure on education as a percentage of GNP during 1993-94 was 3.8% in India as compared to 2.6% in China.

Maps Consciousness

1361. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Suvey of India has launched a popularisation drive to bring about map consciousness;

(b) if so, whether the Southern Circle of Survey of India has been entrusted with the work of publishing the maps of Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and parts of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the cost of these maps;

(d) the number of Sales Centres in Karnataka for the sale of these maps; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to open more Sales Centres in Karnataka or to allow private book stalls to sell these maps and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Southern Circle, Survey of India is responsible for preparation of topographical maps and public series map, District Planning Maps including maps of important cities covering Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Goa. The responsibility of preparing similar maps for areas covering Andhra Pradesh has been entrusted to South South Eastern Circle of Survey of India.

(c) Maps of Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Andhra Pradesh are available in the price range of Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 28.00.

(d) There is only one map sale centre located in Bangalore (Southern Circle Office) in the State of Karnataka.

(e) There is no proposal to open more Sales Centres in Karnataka. The response of private sector has not been encouraging so far.

US Climatologist Prediction on Indian Monsoon

1362. SHRI P. SHANMUGAM : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that climatologist of US predicted recently a severe case of El Nino being in the offing which could affect the monsoon thereby causing droughts in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the drought situation the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Independent studies by scientists indicate lack of one-to-one relationship between El-Nino and Indian Monsoon. However, keeping in view the seasonal forecast issued by the Indian Meteorological Department and following usual practice every year Government is continuously monitoring El-Nino as well as the progress of monsoon rains, so that appropriate strategy to meet the contingencies, if any, can be adopted expeditiously.

(c) A model contingent plan for effectively responding to adverse rainfall situations in any year has been circulated to all States. The States' own plans include alternative crop strategy and suitable agronomic practices to meet rainfall deficiencies if any during any year.

Voluntary Organisations in Kerala

1363. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of voluntary organisations from Kerala that have approached the CAPART for assistance under JRY, IRDP, etc. during the last three years;

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned so far;

(c) whether several project proposals are still pending with CAPART;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) CAPART has reported that during the last three years about 800 voluntary organisations of Kerala State have approached it for grant of financial assistance for their project roposal.

(b) During the last three years, CAPART has sanctioned 172 project proposals of voluntary organisations of Kerala State. The amount sanctioned for these projects is Rs. 13.12 crores. The scheme-wise details of the sanctioned projects are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(c) to (e) 166 project proposals of voluntary organisations of Kerala State are pending with CAPART. The scheme-wise details of pending proposals are given in the enclosed Statement-II. These proposal are at various stages of process and appropriate decisions on these will be taken in due course. However, the pending proposals relating to Rural Housing, Social Forestry and Rural Link Roads are not likely to be sanctioned because of paucity of funds with CAPART.

Statement-I

Scheme-wise details of project proposals of voluntary organisations of Kerala State sanctioned during the last three years by CAPART.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Scheme	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned
1.	Assistance to CAPART	6	21.90
2.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme	7	24.02
3.	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	46	137.12
4.	Development of Women and Children in rural Areas	13	22.51
5.	Integrated Rural Development Programme.	4	6.68
6.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (Housing)	70	1039.01
7.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (other than housing)	5	41.53
8.	Organisation of Beneficiaries	16	8.68
9.	Promotion of Voluntary Action in Rural Development	3	3.38
10.	Panchayati Raj	2	7.43
	Total	172	1312.26

Note: Provisional.

Statement-II

Scheme-wise details of project proposals of voluntary organisations of Kerala State pending with CAPART.

S.No.	Scheme	No. of projects pending
1	2	3
1.	Assistance to CAPART	3
2.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme	1
3.	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	17
4.	Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas	21
5.	Integrated Rural Development Programme.	2
6.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (Housing)	116
7.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (other than housing)	2
8.	Organisation of Beneficiaries	1
9.	Promotion of Voluntary Action in Rural Development	3
	Total	166

Note: Provisional.

Funds Allocation Under DPAP

1364. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the main objective of the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP);

(b) the allocation made to different States under the programme during Eight Five Year Plan, year-wise;

(c) whether the Statement Government of Orissa has demanded additional allocation in view of the chronic drought situation in that State; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) The objective of DPAP are :

(i) To mitigate the adverse effects of drought on the production of crops and livestock and productivity of land, water and human resources.

(ii) To encourage restoration of ecological balance.

(iii) To promote economic development of village community.

(iv) To improve the economic and social conditions of the resource poor and the disadvantaged sections of village community such as assetless and the women.

(b) The information is given in the enclosed *Statement.*

(c) and (d) As per available information no additional allocation has been demanded under the Drought Prone Areas Programme by the Government of Orissa.